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Dear Adult Health Care Provider,

Did you know that adult vaccines are available at no cost from the state if you participate in the *Vaccine for Adults* (VFA) program? Let us partner with you to provide vaccines to all Vermonters.

Vermont Immunization Program's *Vaccines for Adults* (VFA) has been purchasing vaccines for Vermont adults for three years, but funding has been limited. In response to legislation passed in 2009 creating a pilot program with a vaccine purchasing pool, we are ready to expand the program. Vaccines will be provided to you at no cost by the Immunization Program and you will continue to bill insurers for the administrative fee.

The Immunization Program will again partner with the Vermont Medical Society to offer a \$200 rebate to primary care practices that purchase a new refrigerator for storage of vaccines. In order to be eligible for the grant and receive vaccine, you need to enroll in the VFA program.

The enrollment form is available on the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) website: <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/providerenrollment.pdf>. You can also call your VDH district office and ask to have a Public Health Nurse (PHN) visit your office to review program details, including vaccine management and best practices. The PHN is a resource for you and your staff who can obtain information for you regarding refrigeration, storage of vaccine, and writing a simple but important vaccine management plan. Once enrolled, your office will be provided vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Let us know how we can help you to ensure Vermont adults get vaccinated. If you have any questions, please contact us at ImmunizationProgram@ahs.state.vt.us or call 1-800-640-4374.

Sincerely,

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